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STAKE CONFERENCE SET FOR MAY 4-5

Stake quarterly conference is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5. It is expected that one of the general authorities will be present to address the various sessions.

The Saturday evening meeting will be devoted to priesthood matters. It is planned to have a separate session with a special program for the Aaronic priesthood. Bishops are urged to arrange to have all members of their groups present.

The noon-day lunch will be under the direction of A. E. Fitzpatrick, stake caterer, assisted by the stake primary board. The evening session, as usual will feature MIA work.

All meetings will be held in the Oakland chapel. It was hoped that the new Berkeley chapel would be completed in time for dedication at the coming conference but it appears now that the splendid new building will not be finished in time.

STAKE PHOTOS

Photos of officers of the new Oakland stake are to be grouped into a large framed picture to hang in the Oakland chapel. At the last stake union meeting, a studio was set up, and new photos taken of most of those present. Beside the stake presidency, high council, stake clerk, patriarchs, the presidencies and secretary of all priesthood quorums and auxiliaries, all bishoprics and ward clerks are requested to be present next union meeting day, April 28, prepared for the photo-taking. Leaders of each group should see that their group is completely represented—that the photos are taken—in the stake picture.

Proofs of photos already taken are available for choosing. W. J. Prater of Richmond, is the photographer.

THE APRIL "ERA"

With a wealth of church history, portraits and biographies, the ERA for April will become a historic issue. Celebrating the first hundred years' service of the Twelve Apostles, this 80-page magazine is brimming with rare information for Latter-day Saints. We commend its careful reading by all members of the Oakland stake.

PIONEER PASSES

Levi M. Savage, 86, father of Ruth S. Hilton, died March 14 in Salt Lake City. He was a pioneer of Utah, Arizona and Mexico; served as Bishop of Woodruff, Arizona for 35 years. For the last 14 years he has been a faithful worker in the Salt Lake Temple.

Our greatest testimony is our manner of life. Do we testify with our lives that we have found the truth, that we love the truth, that we live the truth, and that the truth and the living of the truth bring into our lives soul satisfactions that cannot be found elsewhere or in any other way?—Elder Alonzo A. Hinckley.

"Be virtuous and pure; be men of integrity and truth; keep the commandments of God, then you will be able more perfectly to understand the difference between right and wrong—between the things of God and the things of men; and your path will be like that of the just, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

—JOSEPH SMITH,
The Prophet.

WELCOME!

In characteristic San Francisco spirit, the west bay Stake with its new organization are stepping forth with pep and confidence. They have launched their own stake paper, The Herald, a 12-page quarto, bristling with editorials, news and interesting items. The make-up and general appearance are most creditable, and we extend heartiest congratulations to those responsible for this fine little stake publication. Henry E. Thomson is editor; Harold Jensen, business manager; and Alex D. Edgar responsible for the typographical appearance.

The Herald should add zest to the keen and wholesome rivalry of the bays stakes. The Messenger welcomes a rival with such a slogan: "In truth, to stand for and to seek what is lovely, or praiseworthy or of good report."

FAREWELL!

"We have a paradox of emotions in saying goodbye to The Messenger. We realize the many pleasures of being associated in this paper, but also appreciate the opportunity we have in being able to publish our own paper, The San Francisco Stake Herald. Our editor, Henry E. Thomson and business manager, Harold Jensen, now tell us they are ready to publish their first edition, after some very fine work, so we must say "adieu." We shall always have room in our columns for word from Oakland and be eager to follow the activities at all times. We assure you of our continued good wishes for every success."

—San Francisco Stake Presidency.

"THE LIAHONA"

W. King Driggs' cantata, "The Liahona" was given its second presentation March 30 at Oakland chapel. An enthusiastic audience greeted this colorful story in song of the origin of the American Indians as told in the Book of Mormon. Prof. Driggs personally directed the stake choral through the impressive numbers of his original composition.

All truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come.—Joseph Smith, The Prophet.

There is never a time when the spirit is too old to approach God.—Joseph Smith, The Prophet.

TEMPLE PILGRIMAGE STARTS SATURDAY NEXT

The second pilgrimage to the Arizona Temple will leave Oakland next Saturday evening, April 13!

Latter-day Saints in California! Consider the important things in your life—"put first things first"! Go on this pilgrimage!

Here's a letter of greeting from the President of the Maricopa Stake:

"Dear Brother Moody:

We have finally worked out our program in connection with your excursion to the Arizona Temple. German E. Ellsworth, chairman of our Genealogical Committee, will be in charge of arrangements. We expect to have a pageant and program Sunday evening, April 14 at the Mezona Hall.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. PRICE."

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SECOND TREAT: Sublime experiences within the temple! Where the "spirit of God like a fire is burning"—a marvelous soul-clearing occasion.

THIRD GREAT TREAT: Entertainment of the pilgrimage by Maricopa Stake featuring the grand pageant, a sight-seeing trip through this ancient valley, the special Hopi Indian dance, and the finally the famed Easter dance of the Yaqui Indians.

President Moody announces that he is just in receipt of a letter from James W. Lesueur of the Temple, outlining these special attractions that have been arranged for the "temple pilgrims."

Decide to go!

NOTES

In the February Pictorial, an English magazine, our church was featured in a three-page article and display of historical church scenes.

The first of six nation-wide broadcasts which the LDS Church will present this year was given over the Columbia chain March 3 by the Eastern States Mission. President Don B. Colton was the speaker. This stake has been invited to present one of these programs.

The new Oakland Stake Directory is now ready for your use. Ask your bishop for one.

"Modern Miracles" is a new book just off the Deseret News Press by Jeremiah Stokes. It is dedicated "To the youth of the church, who are beset and sorely perplexed by the ories and philosophies that strike at the heart of religion, the divinity of Christ and the existence of God."

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1

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IN NEW DRESS

We present The Messenger in a new size and form with this issue. This has been due to the division of the stake, and the launching of their own publication by the San Francisco Stake. Economic reasons therefore necessitate the three instead of a four-column paper. In this new and smaller size we shall hope to increase the quality of its content. While constantly striving to improve with the future, yet with a glance to the past, we have a sense of pride. The Messenger is now well into its fifth year of life, and if we are correctly informed, the sole survivor of many such publications so started.

To our many friends, loyal and true, we extend thanks. To our advertisers who in lean years have stood firm, we are grateful. To those fine men, the bishops and their counsellors, who came to our support in a crisis, we shall always be appreciative. To all we invite a continuation of loyalty, interest and concern. Helpful suggestions are solicited.

To the future, we look with joy, and we pledge our constant efforts and devotion to the welfare of the Church generally, and the saints of this stake in particular.

FIRST MORMONS IN CALIFORNIA

President Hilton retorts:

"Sam Brannan and the ship 'Brooklyn' reached San Francisco Bay, July 29, 1846." (Roberts' Church History, Vol. 3, p. 29.)

"The Mormon Battalion reached San Diego and went into camp, January 29, 1847." (Roberts' Church History, Vol. 3, p. 119.)

Brannan was first in California by six months to a day!

We apologize!

ASSIGNMENTS

High Council and Missionary appointments for Easter Sunday, April 21, are as follows:

ALAMEDA—C. M. Dewsnup, J. G. Wimmer.
BERKELEY—J. J. Kest, Catherine Matheson, P. W. Jackson.

DIMOND—C. C. Carr, D. Stock, Glenn Elliott.
ELMHURST—Grant Ellis, Walter Brey.

HAYWARD—F. J. Parsons, E. J. Partridge.
MARTINEZ—I. B. Ball, Frank Blair.

OAKLAND—John Soelberg, Bromwell Z. Cox.
PITTSBURG—Don J. Allphin, R. T. Paine.

RICHMOND—A. D. Erickson, Fern Bagley.
VALLEJO—Wm. T. Hicken, Albert Dietlicker.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD STANDARDS

"Priesthood, as we understand the term, is a word signifying the power of God, the medium of his manifestations, and the authority by which he is legally represented."—Orson F. Whitney, "The Contributor," Vol. VI, No. 1.

The Aaronic Priesthood is the preparatory Priesthood. As an appendage to and part of the Melchizedek Priesthood, its duty is to lay the foundation in the lives of its members for service in the Higher Priesthood, through proper teaching and active participation in the special duties assigned to them.

The nature of the Aaronic Priesthood is indicated in the words of John the Baptist when conferring it upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery at the time of its restoration in this dispensation, May 15, 1829:

"Upon you, my fellow servants, in the name of the Messiah, I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness." (D. & C., Sec. 13.)

Acceptance of this Priesthood places an obligation upon its members to live exemplary lives, to keep the commandments of God, to observe the counsel of Church leaders, to "remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humanity, diligence." (D. & C., Sec. 4.)

For 1935, these three definite objectives have been set for the Aaronic Priesthood:

1. *Activity.* One million assignments to be filled during the year throughout the Church—an increase of about 50 per cent over 1934. This will require full cooperation of all members and leaders.

2. *Missionary Work.* To attempt to get every person holding the Aaronic Priesthood, regardless of age, to participate in Priesthood activity by filling at least one assignment.

3. *Teach Clean Living.* To have all leaders of Aaronic Priesthood members in all organizations, and including parents, teach clean living—clean thoughts, speech, actions and bodies.

Being fundamental to the plan, progress and development of the Church, it should be accepted as the responsibility of all—stake and ward officers, parents and all members of the Church—to encourage and assist at every opportunity in the advancement of the Aaronic Priesthood and its activities.

Ward Teachers' Message for April.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The second quarterly of the Quorum Bulletin Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lessons will contain in addition to the regular gospel doctrine lesson, material for the months of April, May and June, the topics for the priesthood monthly meetings for the same months and particularly the week by week programs for the Melchizedek Priesthood quorum activity meetings to be held from 11:25 to 11:55 every Sunday morning.

We thought you would be interested in knowing that all this material will be published in the combined periodical and can be obtained at the reduced subscription price of 20 cents.

TITHING — THE LORD'S TENTH

The Beginning of Tithing.

"And Melchizedek, king of Salem . . . said Blessed be Abraham of the most high God . . . and blessed be the most high God which hath delivered thine enemies unto thy hand. And he gave tithes of all." Genesis 14: 18-20.

Tithing in the Mosaic Code.

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." Leviticus 27:30. While the Israelites paid tithing they prospered. When they failed the land was no longer sanctified to their good.

Tithing is a Debt.

Malachi said (3:8) "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." The tithe is rather a debt than a gift.

Tithing Among the Latter-day Saints.

"Verily, thus saith the Lord, I require all their surplus property to be put into the hands of the bishop of my Church in Zion. . . . and this shall be the beginning of the tithing of my people. And after that those who have thus been tithed shall pay one-tenth of their interest annually; and this shall be a standing law unto them forever . . . saith the Lord." Doc. and Cov., Sec. 119.

A Principle with Promise.

"Bring ye all the tithes unto the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10. Thousands of Latter-day Saints testify to the blessings received through faithful payment of tithes. The depression has increased these testimonies many fold.

Are you in Arrears in your Obligations to God?

In times of stress it is easy to find justification for neglecting tithing. Demands from creditors in person are met, and although no permission is given, the debt to the Lord is deferred. But even though deferred the debt is just as real as any earthly debt. It stands against the debtor until paid. It is appropriate to urge those who have failed to pay a full tithe in the past and who are now better able to pay, to make up the payments due the Lord just as they make up back payments to earthly creditors.

Ward Teachers' Message for May.

As a record for future years, important stake and ward papers will be placed in a copper-lined box and sealed up at corner-stone ceremonies next Sunday at 11 o'clock at the new Berkeley chapel at Vine and Walnut streets. Bishop P. W. Duncyon will officiate at the corner-stone laying.

"It is not our business to fight our enemies. There is no man or woman on the face of the earth, but is our brother or our sister. They are the children of God and we are here to bear and forbear with them in their interest and for the glory of God."
—Lorenzo Snow.

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

Programs were held in all the wards celebrating the anniversary of the organization of the Relief Society. Oakland Ward gave a costume party March 15, President Mildred Rich reviewing the history of Relief Society.

Alameda's program was given March 7, Mrs. Luerilda Seavers reviewed the first Relief Society.

Berkeley Ward selected Sunday, March 17. Mesdames Ball and Peterson reviewed the lives of former presidents of the Ward. Elmhurst gave a social and a dance March 15 and a Biblical pageant March 17. Richmond enjoyed a social and gave two brief talks in Sunday School March 11.

On March 15, Dimond Ward gave an old-fashioned party and dance honoring past presidents. Sunday evening, March 17, department teachers gave short talks on their projects.

The Sunday morning service, March 17 at Pittsburg was presided over by President Undine Kutsch. "Tribute to Our Presidents" was given by first counselor, Jennie Mabey.

Martinez Ward served an anniversary supper Thursday, March 14 to 110 people. Remarks on Relief Society work were made by President Frieda Brey.

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The annual spring art exhibit and flower show will be held in the Oakland chapel May 4.

Annual Ward conferences are being planned for April 14 and May 12.

President Sarah Carruth and Chorister Cleone Wilcox have left to attend General Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake.

The monthly Stake Board meeting will be held at the home of Mary Rex, March 10.

PRIMARY

Birthday pennies for the LDS Children's Hospital must be sent in this month. This year each member of the family is invited to give a penny for each year of his age. 2,400,000 pennies are needed this year to help thousands of unfortunate children. This must be in to the state secretary in time to be sent to Salt Lake by April 15. "The happiness of love in action; its test is what one is willing to do for others."—Lew Wallace.

The new stake primary board members are as follows: Laurine Ellis, first counselor; Anetta Wood, blazers; Annabell Hart, chorister; and Ardell Kay, secretary.

A brief course in child training will be started at the next union meeting with Irving Noall as instructor.

The Primary had fine attendance at the last union meeting and desire an even better record this month. Please be present at 1:50 p. m. so that we might have our full time.

MIA

San Francisco Stake "Green and Gold" ball, held March 22 in the beautiful Trianon Ballroom, was a delightful affair. Despite a rainy night, young people from all parts of both stakes danced to the rhythmic strains of a fine orchestra.

A stake senior class party is scheduled for Friday, May 3 at the stake social hall. This will be the first activity of the new Senior Social Club. All interested should see their class leader at once.

More than seventy couples enjoyed the M-Men-Cleaners dinner-dance at the Hotel Lake Merritt, March 27.

Beehive Swarm Day, May 17! The bees are buzzing in preparation.

Kathleen Gordon, our talented musical director, has gone to Los Angeles for an extended visit. Her work, which culminates in the Music Festival at our next conference, May 5, will be carried on by other board members.

BIRTHS

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hunt of Elmhurst, March 21.

SON born to Mr. and Mrs. William McRae of Alameda, March 9.

SON born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzpatrick of Dimond, March 22.

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chadwick, of Dimond.

SON born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Curtis Millward of Berkeley, February 16.

MARRIAGES

BAGLEY-BARNEY—Fern Bagley and Ralph Barney of Oakland were married in the Salt Lake Temple, April 5.

BLADE-STALEY—Robert Blade and Ella Staley of Elmhurst, married March 8th by Bishop McFarlane.

CULLUM-CREAGER—Annie Cullum and Omer Frederick Creager of Elmhurst were married March 29 by Bishop McFarlane.

DRIGGS-THOMAS—Maxine Driggs and LaVern Thomas of Oakland were married April 5th by C. C. Carr.

LEWIS-MCLAUGHLIN—Helen Lewis and Roy McLaughlin of Hayward, married March 22 in Reno.

McFARLANE-ROWE—Helene Inez McFarlane and Curtis Lawrence Rowe of Elmhurst were married April 6 by Bishop McFarlane, father of the bride.

VAN HOUSE-HICKEN—Marian Alda Van House and C. Kenneth Hicken of Dimond were married April 3.

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SCOUTING

The LDS Scouter's round-table met at the Stake union meeting March 24. Irving P. Beesley, Stake Scout Commissioner, who was attending a Scout executives meeting was excused and Don C. Wood, of the MIA General Board, presided. Troop 72 of Dimond Ward was in charge of the opening and closing ceremony as well as the demonstration and exhibit of pioneering models. S.P.L. Joe Roy Hilton was in charge and patrol leaders, Basil Johns, Robert Moe and Phyl Hilton, presented their patrols. Following the troop reports and a discussion of plans for the National Silver Jubilee, Mr. Woods asked all Scout leaders in the Stake to cooperate with the Primary in training the 11-year-old Primary boy. The roll-call showed: Troop 8, 1 Scouter and 3 Scouts; Troop 44, 4 Scouters; Troop 46, 2 Scouters; Troop 72, 3 Scouters, and 10 Scouts.

Oscar Kirkham, Associate Regional Scout Executive, won the hearts of 25 uniformed Scouts at Berkeley Ward, Sunday, March 17 when he announced, "I will now move the chapel over to my friends," as he skidded the pulpit to the Scouts' side of the hall. Together with Berkeley's uniformed troop were 9 uniformed Scouts from Dimond and 15 Scouters from Berkeley, Oakland, Elmhurst and Dimond.

Troop 8 of Berkeley officiated at a Court of Honor for Troop 46 of Oakland, April 7 at Oakland Chapel.

Troop 44 reports a month brimming with activity to wind up their charter year including: movie-talk on Yellowstone Park; movie-talk by B. C. Cain, Oakland Council naturalist on his recent trip to South America; a swimming party; and a Court of Honor at which several merit badges, one first class, and six tenderfoot badges were awarded. Troop 44 re-registered last month with 7 men and 27 Scouts—an increase of 18 Scouts in the past year—and have qualified for the President's award. Richard Lawton, former assistant scoutmaster with Theodore Law, assistant. Clark Murphy, former scoutmaster, will work on the troop committee.

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OAKLAND

March 16, the Relief Society celebrated their 93rd anniversary with an old-time costume ball; the hill billies of KLX furnished dance music.

A hard-time April-fool dance was given by MIA March 29.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 8, Berkeley, had charge of MIA Conjoint April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagley accompanied their daughter Fern to Salt Lake Temple where she was married to Mr. Ralph Barney April 5. After their marriage they attended a reunion of Eastern States Mission.

At a pretty ceremony in the Little Chapel of the Flowers, Maxine Driggs became the bride of La Varn Thomas Friday evening, April 5. The ceremony was performed by Chas. C. Carr in the absence of President Macdonald who was called away. The bride was attended by her four sisters, Louise, Alice, Donna, and Vonnice and Betty Ferguson. Karleton Driggs acted as best man. The bride with her four sisters are the "King Sisters," popular radio and stage stars of San Francisco.

Mrs. Sterling Aldridge and Mrs. Elwin Bagley were conference visitors to Salt Lake.

Bishop Shields has been transferred to Modesto in his work with the State Board of Equalization.

Evelyn Syme has returned to her home in Rock Springs, Wyoming, after 5 years in Oakland. Her many friends here regret this ward's loss. A farewell party was given in her honor at the O. L. Stone home.

BERKELEY

"Here Comes Charlie," play, April 12.

Benefit concert, given by Claremont Choral Club, Claremont Hotel, Lawrence Reeder, director, May 3 at 8 o'clock.

Recent visitors in Berkeley were Mrs. James A. Knight and Mrs. A. W. Warr, mother and sister of Dr. R. L. Knight.

Mrs. Fanny Brown is visiting in Albany with her mother, Mrs. William A. Moody, who is very ill.

Mrs. Phares W. Dunyon has been released as second counselor in the Relief Society.

Mrs. Rena Ruff and her family have moved to Dimond. We will miss this group.

Mrs. Martha Coltrin is visiting at the home of her son, H. E. Coltrin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis of Ogden, Utah, are visiting their sons, Willard D. Ellis and Dr. Grant Ellis.

Mrs. E. G. Ogden, mother of Mrs. R. L. Knight and Mrs. A. Maurer of Oakland, is here for a visit.

VALLEJO

Joseph E. Robinson of Sonoma and Brother Pratt, the only living son of Parley P. Pratt, spoke at our sacrament meeting March 3.

The Relief Society observed the 93rd anniversary with an interesting program and luncheon.

Brommell Z. Cox of Dimond Ward visited our Sunday School March 10.

The Genealogical speakers visiting this month were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Jacobs.

At sacrament meeting March 17, we had as speaker Grant D. Ellis of the High Council and Mrs. Ellis, piano soloist.

DIMOND

Mrs. Mavis Humphreys, primary superintendent, has been released because of ill health. Mrs. Elsie C. Brown succeeding her with Mrs. Winifred Phelps and Mrs. Florence Cole as counselors.

March 8 the Dimond Girls' Choral were hostesses at a dinner-dance with the Mormon Male Chorus and partners; President

and Mrs. Macdonald and the Dimond Bishopric and their wives as special guests.

Robert Hall has been ordained a deacon and Wellington Calvert a priest.

Mrs. B. Z. Cox and children have gone to Utah for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Parley Fish and family recently motored to Southern California. On their return, Mrs. Fish was called to Idaho by the death of her father.

Miss Mahala Smith has returned to Utah after visiting her brother, Aseal Smith.

Misses Emma Lawrence and Dorothy Kilner have gone to Salt Lake to attend Conference.

Walter Farr and Mr. and Mrs. Koldewyn recently met with painful injuries in an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry North are visiting Mrs. Ella Chase prior to their departure for England.

Mrs. V. C. Hicken and son Don of Utah are visiting relatives in the bay district.

Miss Thelma Goodwin of Utah is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Mark A. Dalton.

Mrs. R. J. Gordon and daughter, Kathleen, have returned to Los Angeles.

April 16, the M-Men and Gleaner Girls will present a 3-act comedy "Sound Your Horn."

New comers to the ward include: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark and family of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Muir of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Car of Oakland Ward.

RICHMOND

Richmond Ward members are all working toward one goal—a new chapel. With every one so enthusiastic we shall soon realize our dreams.

Relief Society President, Jessie Bradeson has as new counselors Ethel Dietliecker and Rachel Roark with Grace Hopkins, Secretary-treasurer.

The YMMIA was recently reorganized due to the departure of Gordon Nielsen for Salt Lake City. Leonard J. Akins is superintendent with George Badouin and Von C. Holdaway as counselors.

The Relief Society conducted the Sacrament meeting March 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Nephi Thulin recently celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roark had as their guests Mrs. Roark's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cole of Ogden, Utha.

HAYWARD

Hayward Branch held their seventh anniversary social in Memorial Hall, March 9, with 120 present. Music was furnished by the San Jose Ward orchestra. Among the visitors from San Jose were Wilford Jordan and family.

Branch Juvenile members were entertained at the home of Gertrude Lesser on March 2, and the Deacons were treated to a theatre party March 1.

W. T. Webb was sustained as Sunday

School Superintendent, with Glen Rounds first assistant. This relieves the Branch Presidency who have acted as the Sunday School Superintendency for the past year.

Dr. Hyrum Crockett was recently sustained as teacher of the Gospel Message Class.

Elwood J. Johnston was ordained a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood, March 3.

ALAMEDA

The annual ward re-union was held March 21st. Dinner was served to 135 people. Community singing, jokes, and program was enjoyed. Dancing featured the evenings' entertainment.

In honor of the eightieth birthday of her father, James H. Crockwell, chairman of our ward genealogical committee, Mrs. A. C. Carrington entertained friends March 23rd. Mr. Crockwell related many stories of the early days in the Salt Lake Valley. He was the first secretary of the first Mutual Improvement Association in the church. He is also the author of several books on the early church leaders.

We are happy to have Hyrum S. Horman and family home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert H. Neilsen and Nathaniel Nations were among those baptised on March 2nd.

Donna Meuter is slowly recovering from pneumonia.

ELMHURST

The Relief Society observed their 93rd anniversary, March 17, with an elaborate pageant and program centered around their project, "Back To The Scriptures."

A surprise party was given in honor of Robt. T. Paine by the Missionary Class, at the home of Adrian Schipper. We are sorry to lose him as a teacher in our Ward, but wish to extend our heartiest wishes for success in his new work as Missionary Class leader on the Stake Sunday School Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith were hosts to the Sunday School Officers, at a party honoring the outgoing Sunday School officers on March 7.

Mrs. Sarah Ballard of Logan, Utah, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. LaRee Tolman.

Mrs. Brown, with her daughter, Rachel, and son Peat of Los Angeles are visiting her daughter, Mrs. John E. Hunt.

Mr. Charles Stamps of Los Angeles is visiting the Browns.

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